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**REQUEST
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	10/027,449
Filing Date	December 21, 2001
First Named Inventor	Richard A. Mazur et al.
Group Art Unit	3652
Examiner Name	Mark J. Beauchaine
Attorney Docket Number	47171-00262USC2

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☒ Other Third Information Disclosure Statement filed November 21, 2002
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Third Preliminary Amendment
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Fourth Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Acknowledgment Postcard

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other
- Fees**

3. The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
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